

Canadian Colleges for a Resilient Recovery

Canadian Colleges for a Resilient Recovery (C2R2) is a coalition of leading colleges, cégeps, institutes and polytechnics from across Canada.

C2R2 intends to be one of the driving forces in providing the skills required to transition to a clean economy in Canada. Our institutions are positioned to quickly develop thousands of training and applied research opportunities to help Canadians access new careers, support the transition to a low carbon economy, and foster inclusion, diversity, and equity.

The coalition is working together to expedite the rapid development and deployment of new and synchronized curriculum and research initiatives in support of resilience in cities, towns and rural areas across Canada.

C2R2 members are leaders in many areas of education, training and applied research, and hold particular strength with respect to climate action and sustainability across

a number of sectors. Since August of 2020, C2R2 has been forging training and research opportunities that are key enablers of federal government priorities related to our economic recovery by getting people back to work with a focus of enabling the green economy.

“By working together, colleges can help lead the transition to a clean economy.”

A great deal of work has been done to create a Canada-wide competency framework for curriculum and outcomes-based research. In order to ensure that C2R2’s work reflects the needs of business and industry, the coalition has established influential advisory networks, bringing together the voices of large industry sectors, Indigenous peoples, youth and other underrepresented groups to the planning table.



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Components of the Strategy*

Education and Training

Training programs in broad industry areas including clean tech, construction, sustainable agriculture, resource management, digital transformation, and transportation will be developed as microcredentials and equivalent credentials awarded at the completion. Individuals will be trained through portable, stackable and flexible microcredentials.

Work Experience

Industry partners will have access to funding to support paid internships, work placements and employer incentives with a commitment to retain strong employees.

Applied Research

Applied research work conducted through colleges, cégeps and polytechnics is recognized as a viable and impactful mechanism by industry partners to develop, test, and improve technologies that will be essential if Canada is to implement new technologies required to meet 2030 carbon reduction targets. Applied research through colleges and polytechnics is very attractive to business partners as the industry partners retain any intellectual property developed.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Equitable access and opportunities for under-represented individuals is a key priority, as C2R2 has made a commitment to bring those voices to the table to identify and address the key barriers and ensure the wrap-around supports are available to increase opportunities for student success. Barriers such as transportation, access to child-care, housing and living expenses, tuition and resource costs will be supported through this part of the investment.

*Programs and funds are based on goals outlined in proposals to government agencies.

Founding Partners

- Algonquin College | Ontario
- British Columbia Institute of Technology | British Columbia
- Cégep de Rimouski | Quebec
- CNETE du Cégep de Shawinigan | Quebec
- Holland College | Prince Edward Island
- Mohawk College | Ontario
- Nova Scotia Community College | Nova Scotia
- Okanagan College | British Columbia
- Red River College | Manitoba
- Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies | Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic | Saskatchewan
- Seneca College | Ontario
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology | Alberta
- Yukon University | Yukon

National Industry Advisory Council Members

- Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
- Canada Green Building Council
- Canadian Renewable Energy Association
- Canadian Electricity Association
- Canadian Clean Tech Alliance
- Colleges and Institutes Canada
- Dunsky Energy Consulting
- ECO Canada
- Efficiency Canada
- Forest Products Association of Canada
- Polytechnics Canada
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